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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 24, 2000, in the subject application with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 24, 2000. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this response. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.